

## U.S. killer executed after 10 years

STARKE, Florida (R) — Convicted killer Robert Sullivan died in the electric chair Wednesday after spending 10 years on death row in Florida state prison. The execution was ordered only hours after 36-year-old Sullivan failed in his final court appeal for clemency and two days after a personal plea on his behalf by Pope John Paul. Witnesses said Sullivan's last words before the high voltage charge was applied were: "I hold malice to none and may God bless you." He was convicted in 1973 of murdering a restaurant worker by bludgeoning him with a metal bar and then shooting him four times in the head with a shotgun. He first confessed to the crime, but then recanted and began a series of appeals which took his case three times to the supreme court.

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## King visits army headquarters

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday called at the Armed Forces Headquarters in Amman and met with the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and senior army officers. They discussed subjects of concern to the Jordanian Armed Forces, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

## Sharaf presents credentials in Denmark

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's Ambassador to West Germany Sharif Fawaz Sharaf Tuesday presented his credentials as the Kingdom's non-resident ambassador to Denmark to Queen Margaret II in a ceremony held in Copenhagen.

## Cypriot envoy leaves

AMMAN (J.T.) — Cypriot Minister of Commerce and Industry George Andreou left Amman Tuesday after a two-day visit to Jordan during which he met with Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi to whom he delivered a message addressed to His Majesty King Hussein from Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou, the Jordanian news agency, Petra, said. Mr. Andreou later arrived in Baghdad and on Wednesday delivered a similar message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

## Assad seen in public

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad Wednesday made his first public appearance in over two weeks when he inspected a newly-inaugurated bridge, Syria's official news agency SANA said. The bridge was due to be inaugurated by Mr. Assad himself on Nov. 16, marking the 13th anniversary of his coming to power in a bloodless coup, but he was hospitalized a few days earlier.

## U.S. foreign affairs chairman hospitalised

WASHINGTON (R) — Clement Zablocki, chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, suffered a heart attack Wednesday and is in critical condition, his office said. Mr. Zablocki, a member of Congress for 35 years, was taken to Capitol Hill Hospital after collapsing in his office Wednesday morning.

## Seat belt usage becomes mandatory

AMMAN (J.T.) — The new traffic law, enforcing the use of safety belts, will be implemented beginning from today, Thursday, Dec. 1, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra said Wednesday. Under this law all drivers and front-seat passengers must wear their seat belts and all those who fail to do so will be fined JD 5 to JD 15.

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## Fighting flares as Arafat asks for observers

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Fighting broke out Wednesday between supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Syrian-backed rebels, while Mr. Arafat himself was reported to have demanded foreign observers to supervise a disengagement plan.

Amid the rattle of small-arms fire, heavy-calibre shells crashed around the front line on the eastern outskirts of this northern Lebanese city in late afternoon. It was not immediately clear which factions were involved in the exchange.

Since the major battles between Arafat loyalists and the rebels died down last week, local allies of both sides have borne the brunt of the skirmishing.

Sources on a peace team trying to disengage the rival Palestinian factions said Mr. Arafat was demanding international observers to oversee the plan as well as guarantees for the safety of departing fighters.

Mr. Arafat put his request to the peace team, which had given him details of the disengagement plan worked out by former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami. Tripoli's elder political statesman, the sources said.

The sources said Mr. Arafat was calling for Saudi Arabian officers, as well as observers from the United Nations or the 21-member Arab League, to supervise the disengagement.

He also sought clarification on what guarantees could be provided for any of his fighters who leave Tripoli by sea. The city is surrounded on land by Syrian forces and Mr. Arafat says it is blockaded at sea by the Israeli navy.

Mr. Karami's disengagement proposals are based on a joint Saudi-Syrian peace plan announced last Friday. It calls for a permanent ceasefire, withdrawal

of Palestinian fighters from the city and its environs, and solving the split in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) through dialogue.

Mr. Arafat has repeatedly said he wants an "Arab force" to supervise the plan, saying he fears a massacre of his supporters by the Syrian-backed rebels. But Mr. Karami has ruled out an Arab force, saying any supervisory body would comprise local Lebanese factions and dead-enders.

Envoys of Mr. Karami, who is currently in Damascus, also gave details of the plan to Palestinian rebel chief Colonel Saad Musa (Abu Musa), the sources said.

In Damascus, Syria's official daily Tishrin said Wednesday Mr. Arafat would face "dire consequences" if he continued an anti-Syrian campaign and attempts to undermine the Tripoli ceasefire agreement.

"Arafat's continuing attempts at sabotaging the Saudi-Syrian agreement... as well as his ongoing attacks on Syria are serious sequences which will have dire consequences on Arafat and his clique," the paper said.

Syria and Saudi Arabia last week engineered an agreement to end fighting in Tripoli between Palestinian forces and against Mr. Arafat.

"Syria will not remain indifferent to such unjust and malicious campaigns... Syria's restraint in using its long reach and strong fist will fade if Arafat continues to conspire his group in slandering Syria," Tishrin said.

## Shelling closes Beirut airport

BEIRUT (R) — Shells crashed on to Beirut airport's runway Tuesday forcing it to close in a new sign that Lebanon's fragile peace is falling apart.

Six heavy shells hit the airfield at dawn near the headquarters of the 1,500 U.S. Marines in the Beirut peace force. Marine spokesman Dennis Brooks said.

"There were no casualties, and these particular rounds did not endanger Marines," Major Brooks said.

But the government considered it serious enough to suspend flights. Fifteen shells landed in the airport area Tuesday night, but the airport remained open.

Flights were suspended briefly during bombardment on Nov. 7. The airport terminal was almost deserted Wednesday, and airport officials said there were no planes on the tarmac.

Maj. Brooks said Wednesday's shells came from the southeast, but he did not say who fired them.

Militiamen of the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) hold the mountainous region southeast of the airport.

The PSP said Tuesday it would retaliate forcefully if fired on. It accused right-wing Christian forces of increasing their military activity and demanded that the Lebanese army withdraw its heavy weapons from residential districts.

Schools in east Beirut were closed Wednesday after the PSP warned parents there not to send their children to school.

Residents heard loud, steady booms southeast of Beirut, where security sources said the army was clashing with the PSP.

The army issued a statement Tuesday indicating it was losing patience with the bombardments that have become regular in spite of a Sept. 25 ceasefire that ended a month of heavy clashes.

## Klibi meets Khaddam

DAMASCUS (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi Wednesday met Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam to discuss a new date for an Arab summit, the official Syrian news agency SANA said.

The agency quoted Mr. Klibi as saying the purpose of his visit was to discuss with Syrian officials the outcome of contacts made to fix a new date for such a summit.

The summit was originally proposed for Riyadh this month but was delayed due to Arab differences.

The Syrian agency quoted Mr. Klibi as saying: "An Arab leaders' meeting is very important in the present circumstances in which Arab states are facing new challenges represented by the revival of the U.S.-Israeli strategic alliance."

Mr. Klibi, who met Mr. Khaddam immediately after his arrival, said the U.S.-Israeli agreement "aims at making Israel a dominating force in the region, obliterating the Palestinian people's rights and threatening Arab states' security."

Mr. Klibi had visited several other Arab countries before arriving here.

## Syria attacks U.S., Israel

Syria said Wednesday agreements reached between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on new military and political ties were meant to make Israel the only striking force in the Middle East.

"These agreements basically aim at strengthening Israel to make it the only striking force in the region capable of keeping Arabs in a permanent state of war by launching aggression against them from time to time," the state-run Damascus Radio said.

## Fahd raps U.S. support for Israel, backs PLO

BAHRAIN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia launched a thinly-veiled attack against the United States Wednesday for supporting Israel at the expense of the Palestinian people.

In a speech published by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the king described the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people but he did not specifically name PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"The Palestinian people are exposed to the ugliest manifestations of persecution and oppression by the Zionist entity, which is supported by a world superpower," the monarch said.

"That superpower was supposed to fulfil the aspirations of the less-developed countries by promoting justice and equality among nations in order to be consistent with the principles which, it

claims, are the basis of its international relations," King Fahd added, according to SPA.

The monarch's support for the PLO, without naming Mr. Arafat, reflected Saudi Arabia's desire to avoid taking sides in the inter-Palestinian dispute over Mr. Arafat's leadership. Gulf diplomats said.

In his speech, delivered indirectly to a committee on Palestinian rights, King Fahd said it was "most regrettable" that the United Nations had been unable to implement its own resolutions calling on Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territories.

"Such implementation could take the form of granting the Palestinian people the simplest right enjoyed by all the other people of the world, mainly the right to live in an independent state in their own homeland," the king stated.

## Lambsdorff categorically denies corruption charges

BONN (R) — West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff Wednesday categorically denied charges of taking bribes from the giant Flick industrial concern.

The 56-year-old liberal minister told his cabinet colleagues: "I neither demanded, received, nor passed on a single mark."

Bonn's public prosecutor announced at a press conference Tuesday that charges would be brought against Mr. Lambsdorff on suspicion of taking payments from two Flick executives. This money, he said, could have influenced the minister in making tax concessions to the company.

Hans Friderichs, Mr. Lambsdorff's predecessor and now chief executive of West Germany's second biggest bank, the Dresdner, has been charged on the same count. He also denies wrongdoing. Government spokesman Peter

Boenisch expressed anger over the timing of the prosecutor's press conference. He said Mr. Lambsdorff was informed of the charges in Brussels only 10 minutes before it began.

Right-wing Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss, rumoured to be planning to replace Mr. Lambsdorff in a bid to tip the three-party coalition towards the right, Wednesday pledged his loyalty to the minister.

He described press reports on Mr. Lambsdorff told the last few months as "a scandal of justice" and emphasised that he had never condemned the minister over the affair. "One cannot expect more loyalty than that," he said.

Mr. Lambsdorff told the cabinet that throughout the two-year investigation of the so-called Flick affair, officials had spoken only about suspicions of "accepting favours."

## U.S. may lift ban on cluster bombs to Israel

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States has indicated it is ready to resume sales to Israel of cluster bomb artillery shells if it receives guarantees that the shrapnel-spraying weapons will not be used against civilians.

A senior U.S. official said Tuesday as President Reagan announced new political and military ties with Israel that Washington was prepared to lift its suspension on sales, imposed in July last year after the shells were used in civilian areas of Lebanon in violation of a U.S.-Israeli agreement.

But new sales would depend on conclusion of an agreement containing "a definitive guarantee against violations," the official added.

Mr. Reagan said after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that the two countries would establish a joint political-military group to give priority attention to what he called increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East.

The president added that the United States and Israel were worried about the Soviet presence and arms buildup in Syria.

The new U.S.-Israeli ties were accompanied by U.S. agreement to lift some of the restrictions applied to aid to Israel and to take steps to bolster its economy.

Mr. Reagan and Mr. Shamir,

appearing outside the White House after the talks, reaffirmed their commitment to the May 17 accords under which Israel agreed to pull its troops out of Lebanon. Its implementation has been stalled by Syria's refusal to withdraw its forces.

The agreement is expected to be on the agenda when Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel has talks in Washington Thursday.

Mr. Reagan said the new joint political-military group, which would have its first semi-annual meeting in January, would examine ways to enhance co-operation between the two countries, such as carrying out combined planning, joint exercises and stockpiling of U.S. equipment in Israel.

"This group will give priority attention to the threat to our mutual interest posed by increased Soviet involvement in the Middle East," he said.

Mr. Shamir said the aim of the co-operation would be to deter threats to the region. He did not specifically mention the Soviet Union.

But at another point he called Syria "a major threat to peace in the area by occupying more than 60 per cent of Lebanon and by its massive concentration of Soviet arms and personnel on Syrian territory."

## Gemayel flies to U.S.

PARIS (R) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel left for New York Wednesday following a brief stopover in Paris, officials said.

Mr. Gemayel arrived from Rome Tuesday night on his way to the United States for talks with President Reagan. He was seen off by a senior official of the French External Relations Ministry, but he had no political discussions during his brief stay.

Mr. Gemayel has said his meeting with Mr. Reagan was crucial, following stalled Lebanese reconciliation talks.

The reconciliation talks, in Geneva, stalled after five days earlier this month and were adjourned while Mr. Gemayel went on tour to seek new ways of persuading Israel to withdraw its troops from Lebanon.

Since then he has consulted Saudi Arabia and France which, with Italy, the United States and Britain, provides troops for the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut.

The Lebanese president told Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti his optimism over the reconciliation talks was based on contacts he had with the Saudi and Syrian governments, but he added that the consultations with the

United States were crucial to produce results.

He arrives in Washington just after talks between President Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to an agreement last year for withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

The accord has not yet been ratified by Lebanon and many Lebanese politicians, especially Muslims and leftists, have expressed doubts over concessions they say it makes to Israel.

Mr. Gemayel left Italy without having obtained the firm assurances on Italy's determination to maintain its troops in the multinational force that he was seeking.

Political sources said Tuesday he received only partial satisfaction in a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi over how long the 2,200 Italian troops would stay.

Italy has expressed fears that it could get dragged into the conflict and the government has been pressed by both coalition partners and the Communist opposition to pull out before its neutrality is threatened.

## UAE backs Trudeau initiative

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) supports Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's call for talks between the big five nuclear powers, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi said Wednesday.

He told reporters after talks between UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan and Mr. Trudeau that the UAE backed the call for talks between the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China on a new approach to arms control.

"Of course we support this move and we have been also seeking to defuse tension in various parts of the world," Mr. Nuaimi said.

The two leaders also discussed during a one-hour meeting the Middle East and Palestinian problems and other international issues, he added.

Mr. Trudeau arrived in Abu Dhabi earlier Wednesday for a 24-hour meeting at the start of a Gulf tour as part of his campaign to reduce international tension and involving more countries in arms reduction.

He was due to go to Dubai for talks with his heir-apparent and Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Maktoum Ibn Rashid Al Maktoum, and to return here later for a news conference.

## Bomb thrown at Israelis in Nablus

JEL AVIV (R) — A petrol bomb was thrown at an Israeli patrol in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus Wednesday night as tension grew over rising numbers of Israeli settlers there. The army said the bomb caused no casualties and Israeli soldiers did not fire at a suspect who ran away because the street was crowded. Acting Defence Minister Yosef Galor told a group of Israeli settlers staying at the tomb of the Biblical Patriarch Joseph in Nablus to leave Wednesday because they were breaking the law by being there at night. They moved in after an axe attack wounded a settler in Nablus market last Monday "to show the Arab inhabitants that we will not be frightened out of Nablus." About 500 settlers marched through Nablus Tuesday urging the government to increase the Jewish presence in the town, the largest on the West Bank, and demanding harsher penalties for Arabs convicted of throwing stones or other hostile acts.

## Arar, Tarawneh brief Soviet press delegation

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation of Soviet journalists currently visiting Jordan Wednesday reviewed with the speakers of the Upper House of Parliament and National Consultative Council (NCC) various Middle East issues and the situation in the occupied Arab lands, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported.

The delegation, which arrived here Monday, first met with NCC speaker Suleiman Arar who outlined Jordan's firm policy towards the Palestine problem and the Palestinian people's rights, which he said constitutes the basis for the establishment of a just peace in the region, Petra said.

Mr. Arar also briefed the delegation on Israel's plans to evacuate Arab territory of its indigenous population and establish Jewish settlements. "Jordan," he said, "strives on the local, Arab and international levels to foil

these Israeli plans which are designed in the long run to Judaize Arab territory," the agency said.

The Soviet delegation later met Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh who praised the strong ties of friendship between Jordan and the Soviet Union, Petra said.

Mr. Tarawneh also spoke about Jordan's endeavours to strengthen the steadfastness of the Arab population in the occupied lands enabling them to confront and foil Israel's designs, the agency added.

Mr. Tarawneh explained to the Soviet journalists Jordan's parliamentary life and the formation of the Upper House of Parliament.

The delegation's meetings with Mr. Arar and Mr. Tarawneh were attended by Jordanian Journalists Association officials and the Soviet press attaché in Amman.

## Settlers stage procession through West Bank town demanding more presence

JEL AVIV (R) — Some 500 settlers marched on the Arab West Bank city of Nablus Tuesday to urge the government to increase Jewish presence in the town, Israel Radio reported.

The procession would its way through the Arab market as soldiers and border police kept Arab residents away to avoid a clash, the radio reported.

"Our main aim is to create a Jewish presence in Nablus," settler leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger was quoted as saying.

He said other Jewish settlements, such as Kiryat Arba situated above Arab Hebron, had begun as illegal encampments which had eventually won the government approval.

"The settlers' determination will decide government policy in Nablus too," he said.

Israeli officials have already said they plan to build a Jewish township near Nablus, the largest Arab city in the West Bank.

A settler was wounded in an axe attack Monday, and a guard at Al Najah University was beaten by unidentified assailants Tuesday night.

Right-wing parliamentarian Hanan Porat said settlers should take over Joseph's Tomb, a religious site in the city where Jews are allowed under present Israeli regulations to pray only during the day.

Palestinians in the West Bank Tuesday staged protests to mark

the 30th anniversary of the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine into an Arab and Jewish state.

Students at Al Najah University went on strike, and the radio said troops fired into the air to disperse demonstrators.

Palestinian-run stores in Jerusalem and Ramallah did not open until midday, and flags of the banned Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) flew in Arab villages.

Meanwhile, an Israeli military court has sentenced two Palestinians to life imprisonment for the murder last year of a West Bank Village League leader, Israel Radio reported.

The court sentenced six other Palestinians involved in the attack on Ramallah Village League leader Youssef Khabib to terms ranging from eight to 14 years, the radio said.

Israeli occupation authorities set up the Arab Village League in the West Bank two years ago in an attempt to create a moderate alternative to the PLO but it aroused the anger of many Palestinians and was condemned by Jordan.

Members of the league received arms from the Israelis to fend off assailants after several were attacked.

The radio said the eight Palestinians sentenced Tuesday had formed a guerrilla cell and had been involved in several other incidents on the West Bank.

## New doubts raised over Andropov

MOSCOW (R) — A delay in announcing the regular winter session of the Soviet parliament has raised new doubts about the health of President Yuri Andropov, who has now been absent from public view for over three months.

Government officials said earlier this month that the Supreme Soviet would meet in the second half of December for its two-day sitting.

By tradition the session has always been announced a month in advance and the last possible date for keeping to this rule passed Tuesday.

"There has never been so much

uncertainty about the date and the only obvious explanation is that Andropov is still not in a fit state to appear," one Western diplomat said.

The 69-year-old Soviet leader has not been seen in public or photographed since mid-August.

The Supreme Soviet session, which is traditionally preceded by a closed-doors meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee, has nearly always been held in November.

Diplomats said the postponement till December was itself a sign of uncertainty about the leader's condition.

## Maltese police report major arms haul

VALLETTA (R) — Police said they uncovered the biggest arms cache, including submachine-guns, super rifles and hand grenades, found on Malta in recent years during a raid on a warehouse near Valletta on Monday.

A police statement did not name the owner of the store at Qormi, about seven kilometres from Valletta.

But officials of the government opposition Nationalist (Christian Democrat) Party said police on Monday raided two warehouses used by the party following a search on Sunday of its headquarters at Pietra, four kilometres from Valletta.

The police statement, issued by the government information div-

ision Tuesday night, said a number of people were helping police investigations, which were in an advanced stage. It gave no details.

Deamons, ammunition, tear gas, flares and powerful radio transmitters were also found in the Qormi store, it said.

Opposition and Nationalist Party leader Eddie Fenech Adami told a press conference on Sunday that more than 100 police had searched the headquarters thoroughly, with only himself and deputy party leader Guido de Marco allowed to be present.

In a statement issued on Monday night, police said they found a hiding place behind a wall, four shotguns, ammunition, wireless transmitting equipment, whips

bottles filled with sulphuric acid and a number of molotov cocktails in the raid on the headquarters.

The statement said Prime Minister Dom Mintoff, who has responsibility for police, gave permission for the raid.

Nationalist party officials said police took an empty box from one of the stores raided on Monday, while Mr. Fenech Adami said police took from the headquarters six aerials, which seemed to be normal car filaments, and audio visual equipment.

The Nationalist Party said it had filed a court application on Sunday seeking an appointed expert to assess damage to the headquarters during the raid.



## Returned Israeli POWs arouse big controversy

TEL AVIV (R, -- Israeli President Chaim Herzog has entered a public controversy over the hero's welcome given to six Israeli soldiers freed in last week's prisoner exchange with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (P.L.O.).

The six, captured without a fight 14 months ago during Israel's invasion of Lebanon, were given a hero's welcome after they were released in exchange for 4,600 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners.

Denktash said in interview with Reuters before his Nov. 15 independence declaration that: after Turkey, he pinned his main hopes for support on Muslim states.

Meanwhile, Cypriot Minister of Communications and Works Christos Mavrellis arrived in Muscat early Wednesday with a message from President Spyros Kyprianou for Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, the official Oman press agency said.

It said the message dealt with

Greek Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Karlos Populias visited Saudi Arabia last week and officials there said he had conveyed a message saying his government would sever relations with any country recognising the self-proclaimed Turkish-Cypriot republic.

## U.N. has central role in Mideast peacemaking

UNITED NATIONS (R) -- Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said that the United Nations, and especially the Security Council, had a crucial role to play in Middle East peacemaking.

"I wish also to reaffirm my own determination to do everything in my power to advance this process and to promote the conditions for negotiation," he said at a meeting called to affirm support for the Palestinians.

## Iraq concerned over state of POWs in Iran

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has expressed grave concern over what it termed "the inhuman treatment of Iraqi Prisoners of War (POWs) in Iran" and asked the Red Cross and other international bodies to exert efforts "to force to Iran abide by the Geneva convention on POWs."

would also visit Iran.

The newspaper said Mr. Aziz stressed that Iraq was committed to observing the Geneva convention in its treatment of Iranian prisoners.

It also said Mr. Hay had expressed his satisfaction at Iraq's cooperation with his mission Iraq and for its "positive stand concerning POW issues."

Diplomats here estimate Iraq has taken over 70,000 Iraqi prisoners since the Gulf war broke out in September 1980, 10 times the number of Iranian POWs in Iraq.

## U.N. renews mandate of Golan observer force

**UNITED NATIONS (R)** ... The security Council has unanimously approved a six-month renewal of the mandate of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) separating the Israeli and Syrian armies on the Golan

**Heights.** The current mandate expires at the end of this month.

The 1,300-man U.N. force was established in 1974 and includes contingents from Austria, Canada, Finland and Poland.

The General Assembly's budgetary committee began consideration Tuesday of reports by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar on the financing of UNDOF and the U.N. Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL.

The report on UNDOF said that the force would cost more than \$2.9 million a month starting on Dec. 1 and that arrears on its special account were \$4.3 million. There was a further shortfall for UNDOF and the U.N. Emergency Force (UNEF) totalling \$59.6 million.

## U.S. RDF to have sea-based command

WASHINGTON (R) -- The U.S. central command -- formerly known as the Rapid Deployment Force -- is to have a ship-based headquarters, the Defence Department has announced.

It said the 20-man headquarters unit would be based on the command ship of the navy's Middle East force of between three and five ships stationed in the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.

Washington has been seeking a land-based headquarters for the central command in southwest Asia, but so far has not been accepted by any of the pro-U.S. governments in the region.

President Jimmy Carter established the Rapid Deployment Force as a quick reaction unit which could be rushed to friendly middle Eastern countries to back them against Soviet-inspired aggression.

The Pentagon said the new command would act as a liaison with the friendly governments and help administer military aid programmes and joint military exercises.

U.S. forces regularly hold joint exercises with Egypt, Sudan, Oman and Somalia.

The new command will be headed by Marine Brig.-Gen. Ray Franklin, who will report to central command headquarters, at MacDill air force base, Florida.


## King Hassan receives

## UAE aide

RABAT (R) — King Hassan of Morocco has received Dr. Mana Said Al-Oteiba, minister of petroleum and mineral resources of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Moroccan news agency MAP reported.

The agency said he delivered a message to the king from Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, president of the emirates, but gave no indication of its contents.


Last month Sheikh Zaid and Dr. Oteiba visited Algeria and Morocco.



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## Book market slated for university

AMMAN (Petra) — The Department of Culture and Arts will open a "book market" at the University of Jordan Saturday.

The six-day market is designed to display Jordanian books to be sold at nominal prices to encourage reading, according to a department spokesman Wednesday.

He said that the department has decided to extend a book exhibition held in Zarqa because the books sold there, also at low prices, have attracted thousands of visitors.

Book markets will be held in other parts of the country after the success of the Zarqa experiment, he said.

According to the spokesman, the department is organising at the Soviet Cultural Centre in Amman Tuesday a five-day exhibition of art by Zuhriyeh Zaqtan.

On display will be examples of embroidery, national costume and traditional Palestinian dresses.

## Olive growing talks begin

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Agriculture is taking part in a symposium on olive growing which started Wednesday in the Algerian capital and runs until December 15.

The symposium will discuss problems facing olive growers and the optional ways for solving them.

The ministry representative at the symposium is Wala Agricultural Station Director Abdul Hamid Al Bashabshi who left Wednesday for Algiers.

Taking part in the symposium are representatives from countries in the Mediterranean region.

## Obeidat meets German criminal research chief

AMMAN (Petra) — Interior Minister Ahmad Obeidat conferred in his office Wednesday with the president of the Federal Criminal Research Department in West Germany (BKA), Mr. Boge, who is currently visiting Jordan at the invitation of the Public Security Department.

Mr. Boge also met Wednesday the department Director Mohammad Idris with whom he discussed the scopes of cooperation between security departments in both countries in the field of combating crime.

Following the meetings, Mr. Boge paid visits to the Princess Basma Women's Police Institute and the department specialising in combating forgery, and drug smuggling and abuse, and was briefed on their activities.

## French company outlines teletext system operation

By Ara Voskian  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan Television, in cooperation with the French company Sofratev, held a seminar Wednesday on the methods of operating the teletext system, in the conference hall of the Amman Chamber of Commerce.

The seminar was opened by Director-General of Jordan Television Ahmad Kamal who stressed the importance of updating and modernising information equipment, adding that Jordan Television will utilise the teletext system early next year.

The teletext system is a commercial information system which transmits information in writing and tabulation form through television frequencies.

The viewer can choose such programmes through the medium of the television screen by the use of a simple control device, provided an additional teletext decoder is attached.

Following Mr. Kamal's opening speech, a detailed lecture was delivered by Francois Renevier from the French company during which he described the teletext system, the actual French service including all public and specialised

services and selective access and pay teletext.

He also discussed the American services provided through the Antiope System by CBS and NBC.

The Antiope Teletext Service is the operational phase of the French TV network ANTENNE TWO which was the first network to begin broadcasting a full teletext service in October 1979.

Since spring 1982, the French network has offered experimental captioning for the deaf and hearing-impaired for one hour every day which will be extended to three to four hours in 1984.

The information transmitted through the teletext system can either be comprehensive or in the form of brief news items from around the world. It can also be used to include bulletins from different government departments, announcements, financial information, consumer prices for commodities, weather reports and so on.

After Mr. Renevier's lecture, there was an open debate on the subject involving those who attended the seminar, including officials from information services, the press, and the Telecommunications Corporation.

## La Scala produces breathtaking performance

By Salameh Ne'matt  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday awarded the Independence Medal of the First Order to the members of the Theatre La Scala Ballet Company who performed here Tuesday and Wednesday at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC). The medal was presented to the director of the ballet company by Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar.

The company also received the Petra Shield of the Ministry of Culture and Youth which was presented by Issam Aridah, director of the RCC.

The ballet company from Milan also gave a special performance Sunday for King Hussein and Italian President Sandro Pertini. The company's visit here was part of Mr. Pertini's tour. He left Jordan Monday, after a three-day visit.

The company, led by the world famous Prima Ballerina, Luciana Savignana and other principal dancers Bluna Radice and Guilianna Gaspari, performed the second act of Swan Lake with music by Tchaikovsky and the ballet Bolero with music by Maurice Ravel.

With perfect skill and taste and with a harmony born of the talented imagination of Maurice Bejard, choreographer of the Bolero, Luciana Savignana starred in a breathtaking performance. She was successfully able to convert a picture of life in to ballet form and



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor and the Italian president, Sandro Pertini, pictured with the La Scala Ballet Company which gave a special performance for them at the Royal Cultural Centre Sunday.

was able to make the public reflect perceiving not only with feelings but also with a provocative rationality.

No less successful was the second act of Swan Lake, a work which expresses in a compressed and simple form, profound ideas and feelings. Again a magnificent performance by the La Scala Ballet — one does not know whether to applaud the brilliant talent or the perfect choreography. They really deserve the honour they received and it will be a long time before Amman forgets this show.

Dr. Angelo Dossena, artistic director of the company told the Jordan Times that it is the first time in the long history of the company that they have received so great an honour as that granted by King Hussein. He said that it is also the first time that the company has performed in the Middle East.

Dr. Dossena, who has been the artistic director of the company

for the last four years, said that the La Scala was both an opera and ballet house at the time when it was established in 1778. In 1813 he said, the company officially established the ballet school which since then has graduated performers who have created rich and varied repertoires to impress ballet fans all over the world.

Dr. Dossena went on to review the long history of the company since it was established until the present. He said that the company started including modern ballet in its repertoires in the 1950's with performances of "Eagle Nest", "Romeo and Juliet", "Dionysus" and "Vassilo".

The company will leave Jordan Thursday to go back to Italy where they will resume their performances beginning Dec. 7.

## Mobile antiquities exhibition planned

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is to organise a mobile exhibition of its antiquities to be taken on tour to a number of European countries from the beginning of the coming year, according to Antiquities Department Director Adnan Al Hadidi.

He said that the exhibition will display mainly pottery dating back to eras in Jordan. The exhibition is being organised in cooperation with the Belgian Royal Museum in Brussels and the Centre for Palestinian Archaeological Studies in Holland, Dr. Hadidi said.

According to Dr. Hadidi, another exhibition of Jordan's antiquities will be held in Amman at a date to be announced later. It will be organised in cooperation with the Geographic Centre.

Dr. Hadidi said that he held talks with the director of the Institute of Middle East Archaeological Studies at the Turin University during his visit to Jordan in the company of President Pertini.

The talks centred on the implementation of a Jordanian-Italian agreement signed in 1982 for the restoration of the ancient Roman city of Jerash, and for training Jordanian staff at Italian institutes of archaeology. Dr. Hadidi said. He added that Italy has undertaken to pay the cost of Italian archaeologists' stay and work in Jordan.

## Media team returns from Egypt trip

AQABA (Petra) — A Jordanian journalists delegation returned here Tuesday evening at the end of a three-day visit to Egypt.

During the tour, the delegation visited archaeological and tourist sites.

The visit was organised by the Egyptian maritime transport company with the aim of promoting maritime transport between Egypt and Jordan.

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# Fasten your seat belts or pay a fine

Upon the instructions of Minister of Interior Ahmad Obeldat, the new traffic law, enforcing the use of safety belts, will be implemented beginning from today, Thursday Dec. 1. Under this law, all drivers and passengers must wear their car seat belts. All those cars that do not have seat belts have until June 1984 to install them. All those drivers and passengers who do not abide by this new law will be fined JD 5 to 15. The decision to make wearing seat belts compulsory was based upon a study by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan (RAC), which was submitted to the Interior Ministry and other responsible government departments prior to the adoption of the new traffic law by the National Consultative Council (NCC) earlier this year. The following is major excerpts from the RAC study and its recommendations:

In a country such as Jordan road accidents account for more death, personal injury and property damage than any other cause. Much has been spoken about this deplorable and sad situation. Some action, but not enough, has been and is being exerted by various official as well as private organizations to reduce accidents and improve road safety. Unfortunately results have been minimal so far and the numbers of drivers, passengers and others who are killed and injured continue to rise.

The available expertise and manpower at the disposal of the various government departments is at present insufficient in order to cope with the irresponsibility, ignorance and selfishness that a large proportion of drivers display on the roads of the kingdom. In the present situation it is obviously extremely difficult, if not impossible, to effect a significant improvement in driver safety by trying to introduce new traffic regulations and to endeavour to strictly enforce existing ones when there is insufficient manpower for this purpose and more important, the level of training of existing licensed drivers has been so low and also bearing in mind the negative, selfish and uncooperative attitude

of the majority of drivers.

This being the case it is quite clear that the present level of road accidents is going to continue for a long time or may be only slightly reduced due to strict law enforcement. There is clearly a very strong case in favour of the introduction of legislation initially publicising the use of seat belts and eventually compelling drivers and front seat passengers to use them. As long as road accidents are going to continue at such a high level it is obviously a great advantage and benefit if the lives of those involved can be saved!

It is generally agreed throughout the world that there is no other factor than seat belts that could be introduced which could so dramatically reduce deaths and injuries arising from road accidents and at so little cost to the society.

## Recommendations

The facts show that there is a significant reduction in death and injury to drivers and front seat passengers when wearing proper seat belts.

The introduction of legislation enforcing the use of safety belts, in certain categories of vehicles, in

Jordan would in all probability result in an immediate reduction of approximately 25 per cent in the numbers of persons killed and injured in road accidents.

Most passenger cars in use in Jordan are already fitted with seat belts. Those which probably not have fitting places already are prepared and if adequate time is allowed then all vehicles which would eventually come within the scope of any sensible legislation would be easily able to comply.

Therefore in light of other countries' experience, which have introduced seat belt legislation, the following recommendations would appeal to form the basis of a logical and sensible course to follow in the interests of road safety:—

1. All passenger vehicles with up to 12 must be fitted with seat belts to the drivers and front passengers seats. Similarly all other vehicles up to a 3.5 metric tons weight must be fitted with seat belts for the driver and front passenger (such vehicles are delivery vans, mini buses, pickups and light trucks, four wheel drive vehicles, etc). This would apply to all such vehicles which are less than 10 years old.

2. Seat belts should be of the three point anchorage type. The seat belts can be of the fixed type or can be attached to an inertia reel which keeps the belt under light tension and rolls it up when not in use. The inertia reel must lock itself when the vehicle is subjected to any sudden or violent movement.

3. Legislation should be introduced making it compulsory for all vehicles that are permanently imported into Jordan and which are in compliance with item 1 above to be fitted with seat belts to

the front seats by the vehicle manufacturer. This would be one of the first steps in the introduction of a seat belt law.

4. A period of approximately 6-9 months should be specified as an interim period during which all drivers and front seat passengers are recommended and encouraged to wear seat belts. This period also gives time for vehicle owners to fit seat belts to such vehicles that do not already have them.

5. During this period a carefully planned and executed publicity campaign should be launched in the media and in other ways aimed at educating and encouraging drivers and front seat passengers to wear seat belts.

6. After the period of recommended use of seat belts, it should then be compulsory for all drivers and front seat passengers as well as children to wear seat belts, subject to exemptions as described elsewhere in this report.

7. The police authorities should receive special training in ways of enforcing any regulations that are issued as well as being fully conversant with such laws. As has happened in the past the lack of enforcement of traffic laws has led to their being abused or ignored. If a seat belt law is to be effective it must be strictly implemented. For this reason the proposed publicity campaign is very important because drivers and passengers should be convinced of the safety advantages which would encourage them to voluntarily wear seat belts without having to be forced to by the provisions and penalties contained in relevant legislation.

8. It has been shown by experience gained in many countries that there is no safety advantage to

be gained by the use of safety belts in large commercial vehicles, buses, etc. The advantages to be gained by seat belts are only to be had in vehicles of 3.5 tons or less.

9. It should be made illegal for children under the age of 12 years to ride in the front seats of cars without using special restraints that are specially designed for children. Otherwise they should occupy the rear seats.

10. The penalties that can be imposed by the authorities for not wearing seat belts, once the law is introduced, should be severe enough to deter people from contravening such legislation. After all, this is the exact purpose and intention of having penalties. If the penalty is too low it will not act as a deterrent, a case in point being the fines imposed for exceeding speed limits which have so far had no effect in generally reducing the speeds at which people drive. A fine of JD50 -- or more would make people hesitate before not wearing seat belts. The argument that such a fine is too high can be easily dismissed by stating that persons complying with the law would not be required to pay any fines or other penalties.

11. Import licences should not be used for the importation of seat belts, child restraints and child safety seats that do not comply with the international standards of safety and quality. Samples should be made available for examination by experts, or a committee which would have to approve them before they would be allowed to be imported.

Unfortunately experience in the past has shown that insufficient planning, study and consultation with experts has resulted in various traffic laws and regulations being introduced which are either



incomplete, unworkable or are not capable of being enforced in such a manner that encourages drivers to comply with them. A case in point concerns speed limits which are causing considerable confusion and even amusement especially among foreign drivers. Jordan is the only country in the world which has at least seven different speed limit signs on the roads! Most other countries have succeeded with three! The locations and speeds proved to have contravened a maximum speed limit he only has to pay JD 5 -- makes a mockery of the law. If a driver convicted of exceeding the speed limit or of breaching any other traffic law -- had to pay JD 50 or even JD 100 -- every time, he would be very careful in future!

Such unhappy experiences that we have had in the past should teach us the lesson with regard to legislation on the use of seat belts that a little time spent on careful study, consultation, publicity, training and education would be to everyone's advantage in the long run. This is especially important because the proper use of seat belts is undoubtedly the single most important factor in reducing death and injury to drivers and passengers on the roads.

Randa Habib's corner

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## SPORTS

## Organisers re-arrange Open schedule

MELBOURNE (R) — Officials of the rain-hit Australian Open Tennis Championships at Kooyong remained confident Wednesday that the tournament could be salvaged without an extension or without cutting five-set matches.

The third day's play on Wednesday was abandoned at 9.30 in the morning. The first day was also lost and the second day was seriously curtailed.

Tournament director Colin Stubbs said it would still be possible

to complete the championships on schedule at the end of next week if first-round matches were completed by Sunday night. "We are optimistic," Stubbs said. "We are not desperate yet."

He added that the 32 men's sin-

gles matches listed for Thursday would be the best-of-five sets and so far no consideration had been given to cutting them to three. But he agreed the tournament committee had that option.

Neither top seed, Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl or American Martina Navratilova, has so far been in action. Lendl is seeking to win a 'Grand Slam' title for the first time. Navratilova is aiming to

regain the title she lost in last year's final to Chris Evert Lloyd of the United States, who is not playing this time.

## 4 British nations under threat, F.A. chief says

LONDON (R) — Most of the world's soccer-playing nations want England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to amalgamate and field one British team in the World Cup, said Football Association (F.A.) Chairman Bert Millichip on Wednesday.

Millichip, speaking at a sports writers' lunch in London, said: "I was astounded by the strength of the vote in favour when a Third World delegate put forward such an idea at the FIFA Congress before the last World Cup finals." The F.A. chief, who claimed 60

per cent of the world wanted an end to the present four-team set-up, added: "There were 129 nations represented. It would need a 75 per cent vote to get such a change but it was very worrying to think that without the support of our European friends we might have lost the day."

Millichip said he felt 'jealousy' was behind the move as a number of smaller nations were also opposed to the four British associations all having votes on the international board which controls the laws of the game.

## Pele says Cosmos offered him \$5m

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Pele, Brazil's peerless soccer star, said Wednesday he has six months to consider a \$5m offer to come out of retirement and play one more season with the New York Cosmos, a local news agency reported.

Pele was quoted by the Rio airport news agency Airpress as saying his initial reaction was to reject the bid as he felt, at the age of 43, that he might damage his image and disappoint fans.

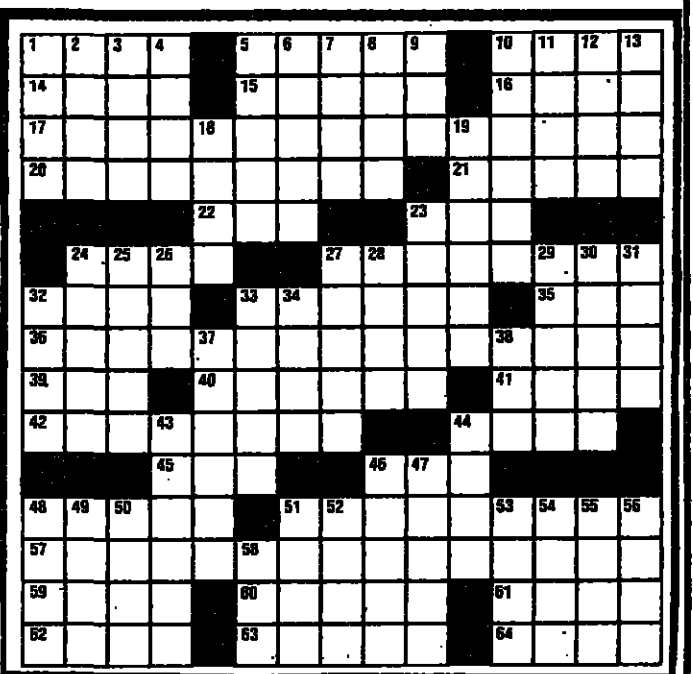
Pele, who landed at Rio on the way to his home in Santos, said Cosmos had given him until May to consider the offer to play for one season, starting that month.

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